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The next Session of this Association will be held with the Eutaw Baptist Church, Greene County, Ala., on Friday, before the second Sabbath in September, 1899.

Minutes.

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New Prospect, Sumter Co., Ala., Sept. 9, 1898.

The Bigbee Baptist Association met this day in its Forty-Sixth Session, in the New Prospect Baptist Church, and at 11 a. m. was called to order by J. R. Larkin, the Moderator of the previous Association.

The appointee, J. G. Dickinson, not being present, the Introductory Sermon was preached by W. A. Parker, Sr. Text, Matt. 6-33: "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Adjourned, after prayer by J. G. Harris.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2 p. m. and was lead in prayer by W. G. Curry.

The Moderator appointed J. R. Curry and H. B. Woodward to read the letters from the Churches. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bulah—S. P. May.

Christian Valley—B. B. Seale, J. W. Blakeney and J. R. Larkin.

Clinton—J. D. Cook.

Concord—J. W. Powell, S. W. Wheelis, J. H. Phillips, J. S. Phillips, Miss Katie Phillips and W. H. Granberry.

Cuba—L. Poole, Sr., H. A. Hearn and Mrs. W. P. Stallworth.

Demopolis—Letter and funds.

Epes—L. Lewis.

Eutaw—A. P. Smith.

Friendship—J. W. Holeroft and wife.

Gainesville—J. M. Sherer.

Hopewell, Choctaw County—Not represented.

Hopewell, Sumter County—A. B. Spidle.

Livingston—W. G. Curry, M. D. Gould, J. B. Jackson, J. R. Curry, and Mrs. W. H. Lawrence.

Mt. Herman—Not represented.

Mt. Lebanon—S. D. Green and G. H. Smith.

Mt. Sterling—Not represented.

New Prospect—L. A. McLean, W. H. Scarborough and H. B. Leitch.

Reholoth—C. F. Raines and A. B. Cook.

Shorts—H. B. Woodward and W. B. Fluker.

Siloam—Willis Green.

Sumterville—W. J. Wren and Mrs. H. B. Praytor.

York—W. A. Altman.

Zion—Letter and funds.

The former officers were re-elected, viz: J. R. Larkin, Moderator; J. D. Cook, Clerk; and C. E. Mathers, Treasurer.

Received correspondence as follows:

W. C. Bledsoe, Cor. Sec. State Mission Board.
W. A. Parker, Sr., Evangelist State Mission Board.
J. G. Harris, Editor Alabama Baptist.
J. T. Murfee, Cahaba Association.
T. T. Daughdrill, Judson Institute.
E. P. Hogan, Howord College.

The Moderator appointed Committees:

Religious Services—L. A. McLean, W. H. Scarborough and H. B. Leitch.

Programme—C. F. Rainer, B. B. Seale and C. E. Mathers.

J. W. Powell presented the report of the Committee on

GENERAL AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We report that the cause of education is on the advance all over the State. The reports which come to us through the press and from the presidents of our private institutions are of the most encouraging nature, and it is with much pleasure that your Committee note the ever increasing facilities which are becoming more and more available for the higher education of our boys and girls, and the increase in the number of those who are using them.

The private institutions of the State which are managed by our brethren are, we believe, by far better managed than the larger ones which are under the control of our State government.

Howard College, we believe to be the superior of most, and the equal of any institution in the country, and we heartily commend it to our people.

The Judson Female Institute at Marion, Ala., is the only female Baptist College within our bounds, and while there are others in the State, we believe that the advantages offered by it are equally as good as those obtained elsewhere.

We note the ever increasing demand for an educated ministry. The rapidly increasing mixed population, and the coming of thousands of strangers to our shores, who will leave their impress upon us and our children unless we evangelize and christianize them. In the face of these things can we believe the interest manifested in christian education equal to the emergency?

Resolved, That, this Association adopt H. B. Woodward as its beneficiary at the next session of Howard College.

J. W. Powell.

The Association was addressed by J. T. Murfee, W. A. Parker, Sr., L. Poole, Sr., T. T. Daughdrill and E. P. Hogan. Further discussion was postponed until Saturday morning.

The Committee on Religious Services reported: Preaching at 7:30 to-night by H. B. Woodward; Devotional Exercises Saturday

from 9 to 9:15 a. m. to be conducted by J. R. Curry: Preaching at 11 a. m. Saturday by W. C. Bledsoe.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Saturday. Benediction by H. B. Woodward.

FIRST DAY—EVENING.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by H. B. Woodward. Text, 1 Tim. 6-12: "Fight the good fight of faith."

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY MORNING.

Met at specified hour. Devotional exercises were led by J. R. Curry.

The Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed special Committees:

Finance—W. A. Altman, J. W. Powell, and J. H. Phillips.

Nominations—A. B. Cook, J. S. Phillips and L. Poole, Sr.

Apportionment—B. B. Seale, F. Scarborough and S. P. May.

The Report on General and Ministerial Education, resumed, and spoken to by L. Poole, Sr., and amended by adopting H. B. Woodward as beneficiary at next session of Howard College—the report was then adopted.

L. Poole, Sr., read the Report on

ORPHAN'S HOME.

We, the Committee appointed to report on our Orphan's Home, beg leave to submit the following: That we have an Orphan's Home in reasonably successful operation at Evergreen, Ala., presided over by our brother, J. W. Stewart; that we have expended for buildings and repairs about ten thousand dollars. Consequently we are prepared to receive and take care of as large a number of children as may be expected to become inmates thereof. We have in attendance now fifty-three orphans.

While these poor children are furnished an ample home so far as buildings are concerned, the report comes to us that the institution is behind in its current expenses. Brethren, let us open our hearts to the appeals of charity, and furnish the means to render these orphans comfortable and happy. Faith is lost in sight, Hope ends in fruition, but charity reaches beyond the skies. And that spirit which prompts the christian heart to contribute to the welfare of the widow and orphan is the noblest work of God's people: for he that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Poole, Sr.

The report was spoken to by L. Poole, Sr., W. A. Parker, Sr., W. C. Bledsoe and J. G. Harris. A collection was taken for the Orphan's Home amounting to $12 15. The report was then adopted.

The report on State Missions was read.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The purpose of this report will be to bring before this body a clear, concise statement of the work of the State Board.

It is important in the first place to note the fact that all the interests of missions throughout the State are committed to this Board—Home and Foreign, as well as State Missions. By mutual agreement made some years ago between the Home and Foreign Boards, they withdrew their paid agents from Alabama, with the pledge upon the part of our State Board that it would undertake to look after their interests in Alabama. Thus every employee of the State Board is instructed to foster the interests of the Home Board at Atlanta, and the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond. This fact is brought out in this report so that the churches may understand that helping the State Board is also indirectly aiding the Home and Foreign Boards.

The special work of the State Board is divided into two departments:

I. Evangelistic.—The Board has in its employment four general Evangelists, viz: Elds. W. A. Parker, Sr., A. J. Preston, J. S. Sandlin and Jos. Shackleford. These brethren, together with the Corresponding Secretary, Eld. W. C. Bledsoe, visit as many of the churches as possible, striving to increase interest in the mission cause, and to encourage pastors and churches to enter into earnest and efficient co-operation. They also, as far as possible, preach the Gospel in destitute places and aid in building up the weaker churches.

II. Missionary Pastoral Work.—This work consists of aiding weak churches at important points, supplementing the salaries of pastors, and helping to firmly plant those churches that give promise of permanency. The record of this work constitutes the brightest page in the history of our mission work. There are to-day, many churches in cities, towns and country that are strong and self-supporting that were planted and nutured to strength and self-support by your State Board.

While there has much been done in this work, there is much more to be done that goes undone for the lack of means.

Your Committee would call special attention to the present condition of the State Board.

The Corresponding Secretary informs us that the Board is not able to meet its obligations. Only two months remain before the end of our convention year; these two months will have to bring liberal contributions to our State Board if it is relieved of its pressing necessities.

Surely the Baptists of Alabama will at once make a strong rally to their own Board; and we urge our churches to do their part.

C. F. Rainer.

The hour for preaching having come, further consideration of the report was deferred until the afternoon session.

Preaching at 11 a. m., by W. C. Bledsoe. The missionary collection amounted to $9.05.

Adjourned to 1:30, p. m. Benediction by J. D. Cook.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Reassembled at the appointed hour. Sang "Rock of ages cleft for me."

The reports on Home and Foreign Missions were called for by the Moderator.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., with Rev. I. T. Tichenor as corresponding secretary. There are more than 20,000,000 of people resident upon the field under the operation of this Board. Having no data at hand, it is impossible for us to give a summary of work done during the last conventional year. Owing to the war between Spain and Cuba, and finally between Spain and the United States, the progress of the work of the Board on the Island of Cuba has been greatly crippled, in fact suspended; but now that peace is to be restored, let us hope and pray that the work of the Board will soon be resumed, and that all the barriers of infidelity will soon succumb to the truth of the gospel.

The demands upon the Board for the prosecution of the work in our Southern States are each year being more urgent.

The crying need of the Board is for means with which to carry on its work. Brethren, what are we doing for Christ? What are we doing to give the gospel to the vast number of unsaved men and women in our own borders. Remember the awful warning spoken by the God of Israel through Amos—"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion."

A. P. Smith.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

Never before in the history of Foreign Missions have Southern Baptists had greater cause for rejoicing, and a more powerful incentive to continue their efforts to proclaim in the ears of every benighted heathen the glorious message of "Jesus and His Son."

Our Foreign Mission work is under the management of the Foreign Mission Board, situated at Richmond, Va., and it is exceedingly gratifying to state, that, under the wise direction of the Godly men constituting this Board, and the increased missionary spirit which now seems to be pervading our Baptist hosts—the entire foreign mission debt of the Southern Baptists, which last year amounted to $13,532.73, has been paid with a surplus of $2,975.96 in the treasury.

Our missionaries in foreign lands number seventy-six, and native assistants, one hundred and seventeen. They are stationed in the following countries—China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and

Japan. Their work has been graciously blessed. In China and Brazil the work is especially encouraging. Large numbers have been added to the churches, and new centers of interest opened to the messengers of the cross. In Japan, Africa and Italy the work has progressed steadily. In Mexico, while the advancement has not been as marked as we would like to have seen it, still it is encouraging from many standpoints.

In all, the scales of error and sin have fallen from the eyes of seven hundred and one of those which "sat in darkness" during the past year, and they have been enabled to see the "truth as it is in Jesus."

Yes, God has blessed us, and let us be grateful. But withal let us not fail to remember that if He would continue to bless us, we must continue to work. Let us remember that though this Board is out of debt now, it will not continue to be so, except we continue to do our duty towards it. And let us not only lend liberally our financial aid, but let us pray for His benedictions to rest upon His faithful and self-sacrificing servants in foreign lands, and the work committed to their care. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Curry, Chairman.

Discussion then ensued upon missions in general by W. C. Biedsoe, A. P. Smith and W. G. Curry; the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were then adopted.

The report was presented by B. B. Seale on

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee think it unnecessary to make an extended report on the subject of Temperance, as it is difficult, if not impossible, to find any thinking man who will openly advocate the contrary. Intemperance is the source from which naturally flows all kinds of crime. Christianity seeks to elevate the morals of the world; and of all the forces that tender to hinder this, there are none so formidable as Intemperance.

When we consider the want and misery caused by Intemperance, we are astonished at the apparently slow progress prohibition is making. But we believe the cause of Temperance is gradually growing stronger.

If all christians would unite in a grand effort to advance Temperance, it would be but a short time before the cause would gloriously triumph. B. B. Seale.

The report was spoken to by B. B. Seale, J. D. Cook and W. A. Parker, Sr.; then adopted.

The report was adopted as follows on

NOMINATIONS:

Your committee on Nomination respectfully report: That the

next meeting of this Association be held with the the Eutaw Baptist Church, Greene county, beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M., Friday before the second Sabbath in Sept., 1899.

That the Introductory Sermon be preached at 11 A. M., Friday, by H. B. Woodward; J. Renfroe Curry, alternate. The Missionary Sermon be preached at 11, A. M., Sunday, by J. D. Cook.

The report was presented and adopted on .

FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance submit the following received :

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
For State Missions.....	$69 43	$118 64	$188 07
" Home "	35 45	46 61	82 06
" Foreign "	26 37	129 99	156 36
" Church building not at home		3 75	3 75
" Ministerial Education.....	42 80	67 45	110 25
" Orphan's Home.....	42 23	67 25	109 48
" Minutes.....	26 70		26 70
Total cash and vouchers.....	$242 98	$133 69	
Grand total.....			$376 67

W. A. Altman,
J. W. Powell, } Committee.
J. H. Phillips,

A collection was taken for the Minute Fund amounting to $4 55.

On motion the cash on hand for Ministerial Education ($42 80) was applied to deficit on account of Brethren Curry and Woodward with the Board of Ministerial Education.

C. E. Mathers read the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Treasurer Bigbee Association 1897 and 1898:

Nov. 11—Received from Finance Committee Association, 1897:

For State Missions, $55 35; Home Missions, 36 25; Foreign Missions, 32 35; Ministerial Education, 35 05; Minutes, 12 70; Orphanage, 13 70. Total.. .. .. $185 40

Nov. 26—Eutaw Church:

For State Missions, $1; Home Missions, 2 00; Foreign Missions, 2 50; Ministerial Education, 2 00; Minutes, 1 00; Orphanage, 1 50. Total 13 00

Eutaw Church Sunbeams:

State Missions, $5; Home Missions, 5 00. Total .. 10 00

Epes Church:

State Missions, $2 60; Home Missions, $2 00; Foreign Missions, 2 00; Ministerial Education, 1 50; Orphanage, 2 00; Minutes, 1 00. Total	11 10
Zion Church:	
State Missions, $5 00; Home Missions, $2 50; Foreign Missions, $2 50. Total	10 00
Sumterville Church:	
Minutes, $3 10; Orphanage, 2 45. Total	5 55
McMillan & Co. on deposit	34 78
Total	$269 83

CREDITS:

State Missions voucher, $5 50; State Mission voucher, 95 00; Home Mission voucher, 45 25; Foreign Mission voucher, 36 85; Ministerial Education voucher, 35 05; Check G. L. Maury to W. B Woodward, 5 50, no voucher; Orphanage voucher, 20 00; Home Missions voucher, 3 36; Foreign Missions voucher, 3 66; Minutes 19 66.	
Total	$269 83

Respectfully submitted,

C. MATHERS, Treasurer.

On motion, J. R. Curry was adopted as beneficiary to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That every church in this Association be requested to take a collection for Ministerial Education either in the month of September or November, and that the congregations of the respective churches be urged to make liberal contributions to this cause.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the members of the New Prospect church, the members of the Methodist church, and the citizens of the community for their generous hospitality.

The Moderator appointed Standing Committees to report at session 1899:

State Missions—J. W. Powell, Yantley, Ala., F. Scarborough and J. C. Kelley.

Home Missions—W. G. Curry, Livingston, Ala., B. B. Seale and A. B. Spidle.

Foreign Missions—H. B. Woodward, Bevill's, Ala., A. B. Cook and L. A. McLean.

Woman's Work—L. Poole, Sr., Cuba, Ala., J. W. Blakeney and H. B. Leitch.

Sabbath Schools—J. S. Phillips, Yantley, Ala., S. P. May and M. J. Garnett.

Temperance—J. M. Skerer, Gainesville, Ala., W. H. Searborough and J. D. Cook.

General and Ministerial Education—C. F. Rainer, Pushmataha, Ala., A. P. Evans and D. W. Brock.

Orphan's Home—F. A. Freeman, Bonita, Miss., J. H. Phillips and G. E. Jones.

Religious Literature—J. R. Curry, Livingston, Ala., E. M. Shaw and Hooker Adkins.

Executive Committee—J. D. Cook, Clinton, Ala., J. G. Apsey and W. G. Curry.

The Report on Appointment was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON APPOINTMENT.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education	Orphans Home.	To Print Minutes.	Total.
Bulah	$ 7 50	$ 4 00	$ 4 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 1 00	$ 22 50
Christian Valley	10 30	4 50	4 50	7 25	6 45	1 50	34 50
Clinton	9 75	4 50	4 00	7 50	5 00	1 50	32 25
Concord	30 00	6 00	5 00	8 50	7 00	2 50	59 00
Cuba	30 60	5 00	4 50	6 50	7 50	2 00	55 50
Demopotis	19 50	6 00	6 00	7 00	7 50	2 00	48 00
Eutaw	6 00	2 00	2 50	3 50	3 00	1 00	18 00
Epes	4 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	1 50	14 50
Friendship	4 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	50	12 50
Gainesville	3 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	75	8 75
Hopewell (Choctaw county)	7 50	3 00	3 00	6 00	4 00	50	24 00
Hopewell (Sumter county)	7 50	2 50	2 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	21 00
Livingston	32 50	18 00	18 00	22 00	20 00	3 00	113 50
Mt Hermon	3 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	50	14 50
Mt. Lebanon	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	12 10
Mt. Sterling	4 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	50	00 00
New Prospect	10 50	5 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	1 50	29 00
Rehoboth	15 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	6 00	1 50	37 50
Shorts	7 50	5 00	5 00	6 00	5 00	1 50	30 00
Siloam	15 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	1 50	38 50
Sumterville	15 00	5 00	5 00	9 50	7 50	1 75	43 75
York	22 50	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	1 75	72 25
Zion	2 50	3 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	1 50	19 00
Total	$271 05	$105 50	$101 50	$135 75	$121 95	$31 75	$770 50

B. B. Seale,

Note:—The Clerk was directed to add the column for printing Minutes.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Report of Woman's Work in the Bigbee Association from Oct., 1897, to July 1898:

No. of Societies, 7; No. of Sunbeam Bands, 2. State Missions, $26.20; Home Missions, $99.88; Foreign Missions $19.00; Miss Kelly,

(China) $24.25; Christmas Offering, (China) $19.24; Orphanage $58.50; Church Aid, $195.10. Total $472.17.

Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Vice-President.

The Moderator appointed J. D. Cook, delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and W. G. Curry, alternate. The Convention will meet in Louisville, Ky., May 12, 1899.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Eutaw Baptist Church, at 10 A. M., on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1899. The Association was led in the closing prayer by J. D. Cook.

J. R. Larkin, Moderator.

J. D. Cook, Clerk.

PREACHING.

Saturday Night, 7:30.

J. R. Curry, Text, Rome 12:12. "Continuing instant in prayer."

Sunday Morning, 11, A. M.

W. A Parker, Sr., Text, Luke 14:16-24, especially a part of the 18th verse, "And they all with one consent began to make excuse."

DIRECTORY OF BIGBEE ASSOCIATON.

Ordained Ministers.

John G. Apsey, Eutaw, Ala.	J. D. Cook, Clinton, Ala.
W. G. Curry, Livingston, "	F. A. Freeman, Bonita, Miss.
J. R. Larkin, Coatopa, "	A. J. Hearn, Yantley, Ala.
C. C. Vaughn, Cuba, "	J. E. Vaughn, Mt. Sterling, Ala.
H. B. Woodward, Bevills, "	C. S. Ray, Enterprise, Miss.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be known by the name of the Bigbee Baptist Association.

2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, from its own body, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected.

3. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, and shall discharge the duties usually imposed upon officers presiding over deliberative bodies.

4. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of this Association, and shall attend to the printing and distributing of the Minutes.

5. The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually assigned to such officer, and shall report annually to the Association.

6. The Association shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall from time to time appoint.

7. Every church shall be entitled to two delegates, and also one for every twenty-five members exceeding twenty-five.

8. This Association disclaims all right of exercising authority over the internal regulation of churches, believing that within their own sphere they are accountable to God only.

9. The Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of thre-fourths of the members comprising the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one living and true God, that in the Godhead are Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the New Testament is the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that the Church of God is composed of such persons as believe in Jesus Christ and have been baptized: that baptism consists in the immersion of the whole body in water; and that the Lord's Supper should be administered to church members only.

4. We believe in the doctrines of grace taught by the United Baptists, viz: In the depravity of man; in the converting grace of God; in the resurrection of the dead; in the general judgment; in the eternal life of the righteous; in the everlasting punishment of the wicked.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. At each meeting of the Association the Moderator shall take the chair, shall call the members to order, shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal, shall open and close the Association with prayer, shall appoint committees, when not otherwise ordered, and shall pronounce the decisions to the Association.

2. The names of members shall be called each day, and invitations to seats extended to ministering brethren.

3. The members shall observe respect to officers and to each other; shall arise when addressing the Moderator, shall confine themselves to the questions, shall avoid personalities, shall not speak without leave more than once, until every member shall have opportunity to speak, and shall sustain that bearing to each other which becomes gentlemen and Christians.

4. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, and then shall be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover before amendment or decision.

5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone; which motion shall have precedence in the order enumerated.

6. All questions except those relating to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority. Any member voting with the majority

may move for a re-consideration on the day of decision. Members may not leave the Association without permission.

7. When questions of order are not provided for in these rules, they shall be decided according to the rules and regulations governing legislative bodies generally.

8. The Association shall have power to receive into its body and fellowship such churches as apply for admission; and shall also be empowered to withdraw its fellowship from any church or body of men walking disorderly, and supposed to be unworthy the fellowship of the Association.

TIME, PLACE OF MEETING AND OFFICERS OF BIGBEE ASSOCIATION SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

YEAR.	CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	TREASURER,
1852	Jones Creek.....	Wm. Woodward.	John McInnis...	J H Brown.
1853	Clinton.....	D P Bestor. ..	A D Hall.....	J G Robertson.
1854	New Prospect....	E B Teague	W W Pascal. .	" "
1855	Gaston..	D P Bestor.....	" "	" "
1856	Sumterville.....	" "	" "	" "
1857	Eutaw	" " .	R H Whitfield...	" "
1858	Rehoboth.....	Wm Howard....	" " ...	W W Paschal.
1859	Friendship. ..	" "	" " ...	" "
1860	Clinton	" "	" " ...	" "
1861	Mt. Sterling.... .	J K Ryan.....	" " ..	" "
1862	Christian Valley.	" "	" " ...	Wm Howard.
1863	Mt. Hebron ..	Wm Howard....	W D Gaines.....	L Nathan Tartt
1864	Gainesville.....	" "	" " .	" " "
1865	New Prospect....	" "	R W Whitfield...	I C Brown.
1866	Fellowship.	J K Ryan	J C Wright.....	" "
1867	Kinterbish. .	" "	C W Buck.....	J W Bell.
1868	New Prospect....	" "	C C Vaughn.....	E Tartt.
1869	Siloam..... ...	" " . ..	" " ..	A R Scarbrough.
1870	Clinton.....	" " . ..	C W Buck	I C Brown.
1871	Sumterville.....	A R Scarbrough.	" "	" "
1872	Gainesville ..	L M Stone ...	J H Reddin.....	" "
1873	Rehoboth.....	" "	" "	" "
1874	Friendship.	A R Scarbrough	D S Brassfield...	" "
1875	Livingston. . ..	" " .	J D Cook. ..	" "
1876	Clinton..... .	" " .	" "	" "
1877	Christion Valley.	" " .	" "	" "
1878	Zion	J G Harris.....	" "	" "
1879	Cuba.....	J K Ryan..... ..	" " ...	" "
1880	Gainesville.....	" "	" "	" "
1881	Mt sterling.....	" "	" "	" "
1882	York	" "	" "	" "
1883	Livingston. ..	" "	" "	" "
1884	Friendship.....	" "	" "	" "
1885	Concord.....	" "	" "	" "
1886	Sumterville ..	L L Belsher	" "	" "
1887	Christian Valley.	" " .	" "	G C Gowdy.
1888	Clinton.....	J R Larkin	" "	A D Forthner.
1889	Mt. Pleasant.	" " ..	" "	" "
1890	York. ..	" " ..	" "	" "
1891	Zion	" " ..	" "	" "
1892	Cuba..... .	" " ..	F M Pond..... .	E M Shaw.
1893	Siloam.....	" "	J D Phillips..	" "
1894	Rehoboth	" " ..	" "	" "
1895	Livingston.....	" "	" "	" "
1896	Concord	" "	" "	" "
1897	Christian Valley.	" "	J D Cook.....	C E Mathers.
1898	New Prospect....	" "	" "	" "

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR YEAR 1898.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Buildings. (Not at Home.)	Ministerial Education.	Orphans' Home	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs and New Buildings.	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools, Etc.	Total.	Value of Property.
Bulah	$ 2 50	$ 2 80	$ 1 00	$	$ 30	$ 1 60	$ 80	$	$	$ 4 40	$ 13 40	$ 400 00
Christian Valley	12 00	5 00	5 00		5 55	7 50	1 50				36 55	1000 00
Clinton	7 00	4 36	3 12		5 85	3 13	1 00	100 00		9 00	134 66	1500 00
Concord	12 50	5 00	10 00		1 00	6 00	2 00	138 25	418 21	13 25	606 21	1200 00
Cuba	8 25	3 08	2 80		5 10	3 75	1 35	125 00	15 00	9 00	173 53	700 00
Demopolis	27 70	14 30	64 89	3 75	7 60	35 00		350 00		61 20	564 44	3000 00
Epes							50				50	150 00
Eulaw	6 56		10 35		10 00	4 55	1 50	200 00	208 38	18 00	459 31	1500 00
Friendship	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	50	50				5 00	800 00
Gainesville	3 00	1 00	1 00		2 00	1 00	50				8 50	800 00
Hopewell, Choctaw Co.												500 00
Hopewell, Sumter Co	3 00	3 00	1 00		1 50		50				9 00	500 00
Livingston	38 70	21 50	32 90		28 00	20 05	2 00	500 00	62 40	52 05	757 60	6000 00
Mt. Hermon												400 00
Mt. Lebanon	3 00		1 45				1 00				5 45	400 00
Mt. Sterling												500 00
New Prospect	10 50	5 00	5 00		3 00	4 00	1 00				28 50	800 00
Rehoboth	12 00	3 00	3 00		5 00	4 00	1 00	100 00			128 00	600 00
Shorts	3 25	2 00	1 00		2 00		1 00				9 25	600 00
Siloam	4 50						1 50				6 00	400 00
Sumterville	10 61		5 85		10 05		1 50	200 00	28 75	13 25	278 16	800 00
York	8 30	8 00	5 00		10 00	1 25	1 50	140 00	160 00		336 75	1000 00
Zion	4 55	3 00	2 00		3 00	2 00	1 50				15 85	800 00
Collection at Ass'n	9 05					12 15	1 55				25 75	
Total	$188 07	$82 04	$156 36	$3 75	$110 25	$109 48	$26 70	1853 25	$862 71	$180 10	$3602 74	$25150 00

STATISTICS OF BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1898.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Report.	Increase By Baptism.	Increase By Letter.	Decrease By Letter.	Decrease By Exclusion.	Decrease By Erasure.	Decrease By Death.	Present Membership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers	S. S. Pupils.	Sunday School Superintendent's Name and Post Office	Preaching Sabbaths.
Bula	Sumter	J E Vaughan	M P May	Kinterbish	58	5	1	4	1		1	53	6	50	S. P. May, Kinterbish	3
Christian Valley	"	J R Larkin	S E Williamson	Coatopa	37			1		4		32	7	38	M. J. Garnett, Coatopa	2
Clinton	Greene	J D Cook	W D Green	Clinton	31						1	30	3	20	S. M. Carpenter, Clinton	3
Concord	Choctaw	C G Elliott	J S Phillips	Yantley	68	6	2	2			1	73	6	50	W. H. Phillips, Yantley	1
Cuba	Sumter	J D Cook	W C Shaw	Cuba	76		2	3	3			70	7	60	E. M. Shaw, Cuba	1
Demopolis	Marengo	J G Dickinson	W. D F Kelly	Demopolis	59		2	3				58	10	51	J. C. Kelly, Demopolis	2, 3, 4
Epes	Sumter	J G Apsey	T S Kellet	Epes	21							20	1	26	L. Lewis, Epes	4
Eutaw	Greene	W G Curry	A P Smith	Eutaw	40		5					45	4	30	A. P. Smith, Eutaw	2
Friendship	"	Not supplied.	J W Holeroft	Forkland	6							6	2	11		
Gainesville	Sumter	J G Apsey	O C Thomas	Gainesville	13							13				4
*Hopewell, Choctaw Co.	Choctaw	A J Hearn	W J Sparrow	Mt. Sterling	293							293				
Hopewell, Sumter Co.	Sumter	J R Larkin	B F Richardson	Belmont	32			1				31				1
Livingston	"	W G Curry	G C Gowdey	Livingston	113	1	2	7	1			108	10	72	G. C Gowdey, Livingston.	1 & 3
Mt. Hermon	"	Elijah Bell	Joe McGowen	Millville	35							35				
Mt. Lebanon	"	C C Vaughn	S D Green	York	20	2	1				1	22				2
*Mt. Sterling	Choctaw	F A Freeman	N B Mills	Mt. Sterling	19							19				
New Prospect	Sumter	J R Larkin	W P Brewer	Livingston	27	3		1				29				4
Pickoboth	Choctaw	F A Freeman	J W Cook	Pushmataha	43			1			1	41				1
Shorts	Sumter	J E Vaughn	E B Hearn	Gaston	51							54				1
Siloam	"	C C Vaughn	J E Stallings	York	112	7		12			1	106				3
Sumterville	"	W G Curry	A E Poythress	Sumterville	50		1					51	5	25	W. H. Brown, Sumterville.	4
York	"	J G Dickinson	E M Flowers	York	53			3				52	5	45	C. P. Mills, York	†
Zion	"	J E Brunson	G C Brunson	Rosser	58			3				55				2
Total					1117	24	15	41	5	4	6	1102	69	491		

*Membership taken from report of 1897.

†Preaching Wednesday night before 4th Sabbath.